The Mapleton Item.

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LOCAL NEWS.

No paper next week.

Next Wednesday will be Christmas.

The ITEM wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The borough schools will be closed next week in observance of the Christmas holidays.

Beautiful post card albums, suitable for Christmas gifts, for sale at the ITEM stationery Store.

FOR RENT—Flats in Hotel Clairndon at $8, $10 and $12 per month. Inquire of WRIGHT BROS, Mapleton Depot, Pa.

K. Allen Lovell is quite ill at his Philadelphia home. He was unable to attend his mother's funeral, who died recently.

Following the custom observed by most newspapers in the Juniata valley, the ITEM will not be published next Wednesday—Christmas.

Isaiah Metz and Miss Elsie Fisher, both of Entriken, were united in marriage at Marklesburg on December 16, 1907, Rev. W. S. Roe, officiating.

DeWitt's Carbolized Witch Hazel Salve—don't forget the name, and accept no substitute. Get DeWitt's. It's good for piles. Sold by Wright & Dell.

Visit the ITEM Stationery store and inspect the new post cards, story books, crepe paper, Christmas folders, etc., which have just been received.

The finest collection of photographic post cards—Mapleton views—ever shown in this place is now on display at the ITEM stationery Store. Call and see them.

Sledding has been quite good for a couple days and those fortunate enough to have a horse and sleigh have been enjoying the pleasure of a sleigh ride.

Two children of David Wagner who resides in Bankstown, are victims of chickenpox. Dr. Spangler has the house quarantined and will use every effort to prevent the spread of the disease.

Miss Florence Oswalt, teacher of No. 3 school, has been on the sick list several days being unable to have school. The boys and girls are enjoying the snow and the extra vacation.

A very nice line of Christmas articles are on sale at the ITEM stationery department, and the public is cordially invited to call and inspect the goods before going out of town for something not nearly so neat and attractive.

J. A. Lansberry has resigned his position as Superintendent of the Harbison-Walker Refractories Company's brick plant at Mount Union and will go to Mt. Savage, Maryland, to accept a similar position with the Mt. Savage Fire Brick Company.

Miss Leona Weaver, of Williamsburg, and Mr. H. C. Good, of Darrah, were united in marriage at Cumberland, Md., November 19th. The bride is a daughter of F. E. Weaver, formerly of Mapleton, and is well and favorably known by many of our readers.

The powder house of the Columbia sand works at Bridgeport was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday morning, together with 400 pounds of dynamite. The fire was caused by an overheated stove used in the building to keep the dynamite from freezing during the cold weather.

Thousands of men and women in all walks of life are suffering from kidney and bladder troubles. Don't neglect your kidneys. Delays are dangerous. DeWittt's Kidney and Bladder Pills afford quick relief for all forms of kidney and bladder trouble. A week's treatment 25c. Sold by Wright & Dell.

N. H. McConahy, who has been conducting a barber shop on Main street for the past several months, has closed his shop and will go to Cincinnati, Ohio, this week to serve a two-months' apprenticeship at the barber trade. He is not yet decided whether he will re-open a shop in Mapleton or locate in a larger town.

The firm of McCarthy Bros., furniture dealers, will be incorporated under the name of McCarthey Furniture and Carpet Company with a capitalization of $35,000. The new firm will include the name of Hon. W. B. Simpson besides C. Rufus and W. B. McCarthey. Application will be made for a charter the beginning of the year.

John E. Griffith, a well known coal operator and prominent citizen of Johnstown, died on Monday morning, aged 70 years, 8 months and 11 days. Deceased was a native of Wales but came to this country in 1865. For a time he resided at Broad Top, after which he removed to Johnstown. His wife, four sons and one daughter survive.

For best hard and soft coal, go to Gilbert's coal yard. Prices always lowest.

B. F. Godard, of Huntingdon who is securing the right of way from property owners in the Big Valley for the Juniata Electric Railway Company, is winding up his work. The length of the proposed road, from Mill Creek to Belleville, Mifflin county, is 17 miles and the right of way is practically all secured.—Lewistown Democrat and Sentinal.

P. R. R. Officer Clymer, of Huntingdon, had occasion to visit town Monday to investigate the stealing of coal from cars on the siding, and had little trouble in locating the guilty parties. Our coal dealers have had considerable trouble with these unscrupulous people and to make an example of some of them may bring about a much needed reform.

Collector Toomey, who has the reputation of being the best collector in the county has been for the past two years collecting the state and county taxes in this borough and last Wednesday went to Huntingdon and settled in full with the commissioners for this year, the first man on the list of collectors to square up. Thus "our John" continues in the lead.

There is something about Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup that makes it different from others, as it causes a free yet gentle action of the bowels through which the cold is forced out of the system. At the same time it heals irritation and allays inflammation of the throat and lungs. It is pleasant to take. Children like it. Contains no opiates nor narcotics. Sold by Wright & Dell.

Two Irishmen were eating dinner in a hotel in America for the first time. There was a bottle of pickles on the table. One of them took one of the green pickles and ate it; he said: "Begorra, Pat, try one, they are fine." Pat thought if the green one was good the red one would be better, so he took out a red pepper and tasted it, and laid it on his plate, Mike said: "Is it good; Pat?" "Yes, but I will lay the little hot cuss down till it cools."

Are you having trouble with your kidneys? There are lots of people today who wonder why they have pains across the back, why they are tired and lacking in energy and ambition. Your kidneys are wrong. They need relief without delay. Take DeWitt's Kidney & Bladder Pills; they are for weak back, inflammation of bladde, backache and weak kidneys. Sold by Wright & Dell.

Mrs. C. M. Speer, who has had charge of Hotel Clairndon since it opened to the public May 30th last, has resigned the management and will return to her home at Tyrone as soon as relieve by her successor. A few week ago Mrs. Speer meet with an accident which resulted in a nervous strain, incapacitating her for the necessary duties of her position. Her many friends in this section will be sorry to have her leave and hope for her early recovery.

Earl Brumbaugh, a guard at the Pennsylvania reformatory, Huntingdon, whose home is in Smithfield, nearby on Saturday morning suffered from a paralytic stroke on the left side and is in a serious condit on. About ten minutes before seven, the guard was talking to Deputy Superintendent Bert and preparing to take a squad of boys out to clean the reformatory sidewalks, when the affliction suddenly came upon him. He was carried to his home and medical aid summoned.

Harry Innis, of near Lewistown, died at his home Friday from a gunshot wound which he received under mysterious circumstances on Saturday night. He was found lying along the railroad tracks near Burnham Station with a jagged hole in his hip. Several of the physicians who were called to attend him, removed sixty-two leaden slugs from the wound. Innis refused to say who shot him and the peculiar feature of the case is that his overcoat and outer clothing had not been perforated by the slugs.

In these times of depression along all industrial lines and scarcity of money in all parts of the country, the workingmen in this vicinity have cause to be grateful that our industries have not been compelled to cut down their forces or in any way curtail the hours of their men to meet the stringency of the times. On the contrary, all the plants in the district are busy and consequently our wage-earner and his family can enjoy their usual Christmas cheer, while in other parts of the country thousands of workmen are without the opportunity to earn the necessary cash to enable them to have the usual Christmas extras.

PERSONAL NOTES.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rex spent Sunday with friends in Altoona.

—Samuel A. Bennett, of Altoona, was a Sunday visitor to Mapleton.

—Sheriff Stewart, of Huntingdon, was a business caller in town Monday.

—Mrs. J. G. Gillam, of Huntingdon, was a visitor in town last Thusday.

—Mrs. I. N. Swope, of Huntingdon, visited friends in town Monday last.

—J. G. Hicks and family visited friends in Altoona Saturday and Sunday last.

—Mrs. W. T. Decker, of Ardenheim, visited friends in town last Thursday.

—Foster Bell, of Altoona, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents in town.

—Jonas L. Smith, of Rover, was a visitor to friends in this vicinity last week.

—W. E. Johnston, of Atkinsons Mill's Mifflin county, was a Mapleton visitor last Thursday,

—Miss Lottie Ripple, of Mount Union, spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Maud Barclay, on Railroad street.

—Robert McCarl, of Altoona, was a Sunday visited at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. E, McCarl.

—W. G. Dell, of the firm of Miller & Dell, wagonmakers, transacted business at Three Springs yesterday.

—Mrs. John D. Long, of Harrisburg, visited her sister Mrs. Samuel Robley, in Mapleton yesterday afternoon.

—Miss Emma Miller, of Philadelphia, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller, in Union township.

—Rev. G. W. Sherrick of Huntingdon U. B. Church preached to the Mapleton U. B. congregation Monday evening.

—Bates Bell, wife and child, of Mount Union, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stubbs on Church street.

—Miss Bertha May, of Hyndman, who has been assisting at Hotel Clairndon for several weeks past, returned to her home last Saturday.

—Edward Wagner and wife are at home after an extended stay in the western part of the state, where Mr. Wagner has been engaged at railroading.

—Rev. and Mrs. Horace G. Clare and son, of Boswell, Somerset county, left for their home last Friday after a week's sojourn with friends in this section.

—Henry Stever, a guard at the Pennsylvania Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon, returned to his duties Monday after a few days visit at his old home at Latta Grove.

—George White and Jesse and Harry Ross last week went to Disputanta, Va., where they will be employed on a stave mill. These young men have had considerable experience in the manufacture of staves.

—Mrs. Moses Harshbarger and daughter, Mrs. George Henneman, of Marysville, spent a few days with friends at Ryde, returning to Mapleton Sunday. Mrs. Henneman returned to her home at Marysville to-day.

—James B. Montgomery and wife, of Altoona were guests of their numerous Mapleton friends last Friday. From here they went to Ryde where they continued their visit for a couple days with Mrs. Montgomery's parents Mr. and Mrs. Bratton.

—John R. Patt, of Williamsport, Eastern Passenger Agent for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, called on Mr. Benjamin O'Connor in this place last Thursday. Mr. O'Connor has a nephew employed by the same company in Chicago.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barty, of Mansfield, Pa., were guests of the former's brother, Prof. Earl C. Barty, principal of our borough schools, over Sunday. They were en route to their home after attending the sessions of the State Grange at West Chester.

A woman's missionary institute was held in the Mapleton U. B. church last Thursday afternoon and evening. The delegates from throughout the district and our home workers gave much food for thought in their discussion of this important work. The singing by Miss Burger, Superintendent of the Industrial Home at Williamsburg, and the recitation rendered by Miss Hall, of Huntingdon, were much appreciated by all present. A local society was organized with the following officers. Mrs. T. H. MacLeod, President; Miss May Robley, Vice President; Mrs. Minnie Monhen, Secretary; Mrs. Florence McMullen and Emma Lamberson, Collectors.

Additional Court Notes.

Petition of E. J, Green, guardian of Chester N. Robb, for authority to pay out of principal of ward's estate for education, etc.

Rule awarded on Geo. W. Wright, Trustee, and W. H. Spangler, purchaser to show cause why sale of Abram K. Miller, deceased, should not be set aside; returnable on Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Petition of Jane Lamond for citation to Alexander Denny, guardian of Wm Alexander Maley to file an account.

Order to sell the real estate of Martha Bumgardner, late of Union township, deceased, for the dayments of debts.

In re, the payment to Julia M. Dorris, an amount sufficient to pay annual expenses. Rule granted.

Petition of J. M. Johnson for a citation on S. L. Winnemore, administrator of the estate of Mary E. Winnemore, late of Smithfield township, deceased, to file his account.

Report of J. F. Schock, master to divide and partition the lands as set torth in equity proceedings between Jane Lamond and Alexandria Trimble, Jr., and James Cozzen, and Alexandria Denny, guardian.

Petition of Jane Lamond et al. vs. James Cozzen et al. praying for a change in the record. Petition granted.

Wm. Arnd vs. E. P. Shade, rule granted on Wm. Arnd returnable to argument court.

Final account of L. M. Hagerty, committee of Izorah Shaffer, late of Morris township, deceased, confirmed ni si.

Decree in divorce awarded to Myrtle A. Dickson, upon payment of costs.

The first case called on Monday was that of Jno. W. Kean vs. D. Cameron Park. This was an action brought by Kean to recover a sum of money aggregating about $650 which he alleged was loaned to Park at various times in the early part of 1906. Numerous wisnesses were called by the plaintiff to prove that he had the money and that he had lifted it from different parties and had given an order to Park to draw $472 from the Union National bank of Huntingdon. Park alleges that he had never received any money whatever for any purpose and his wife substantiated his testimony. The jury believed Kean's story and rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff to the amount of $724.73. Both parties are residents of Cass township.

The second case tried was William McGowan vs. Margaret M. Hunter, Wm. Caldwell, Nellie Caldwell. This was an issue to determine the validity of a sheriff's sale of a house and lot at Shade Gap in which the defendants had an interest. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and awarded him damagers to the amount of $37, this being the rent of the property from the time W. McGowan purchased it to the present.

On Wednesday the case of Dr. J. B. Floyd, Samuel M. Floyd, Mary E. Floyd, Jane A. Floyd, daughters of Henry Floyd vs. The Kulp Lumber Co., was taken up before his honor, Jas. W. Shull, of Perry Co., Judge Woods having been interested in the case before his elevation to the bench. This case was to determine the title to a tract of land of 400 acres in Jackson township warranted in the name of George Hill. By direction of Court the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

Whenever you feel that your stomach has gone a little, wrong or when you feel that it is not in good order as is evidenced by mean headaches, nervousness, bad breath, and belching, take something at times, and especially after meals until relief is afforded. There is nothing better offered the public today for stomach troubles, dyspepsia, indigestion, etc., than KODOL. This is a scientific preperation of natural digestants combined with vegetable acids andit contains the same juices found in every healthy stomach. KODOL is guaranteed to give relief. It is pleasant to take; it will make you feel fine by digesting what you eat. Sold by Wright & Dell.

School Directors' Association Meeting Postponed.

At a meeting of the program committee of the Huntingdon county School Directors' Association, held on Saturday evening, it was decided to postpone the annual meeting of the association until January 25th being the last Friday and Saturday of the month. This action has been taken for reasons best known to the committee, one reason of which is the week of Argument Court.

School Reports.

The third month of the borough schools ended December 9th. Following are the reports:

Room No, 1, Frances Isenberg, teacher. No. enrolled, males 18, females 23, total 41; average attendance, males 16, females 20, total 36; per cent. of attendance, males 90, females 85, total 87. Names of those present every day are Mildred Wise, Hazel Foster, Viola Kauffman, Annie Hawk, Lillian Bell, Newton Grainey, Andrew Yetter, Carlton Cowher, William Brinnger, Blair Baker. Visitors 9.

Room No. 2, Louisa A. Dell, teacher. No. enrolled, males 17, females 23, total 40; average attendance, males 14, females 19, total 33; per cent. of attendance, males 82, females 87, total 84. The following pupils missed no time during the month: Clyde Chilcote, Joe Heaster, Clyde Grainey, Eddie McHugh, May Yetter, Elda Shore, Martha Seilhamer, Elsie Shoop, Beulah Bair, Beatrice Brinnger and Emma Corbin.

Room No. 3, Florence M. Oswalt, teacher. No. enrolled, males 18, females 23, total 41; average attendance, males 14, females 17, total 31; per cent. of attendance, males 87, females 83, total 85. Those present every day are Josephine Himes, Bertha Wise, Lena Hughes, Ralph Corbin, James McCarl and Frank O'Connor. Visitors 13.

Room No. 4, Earl C. Baity, teacher. No. enrolled, males 19, females 8, total 27; average attendance, males 10, females 7, total 17; per cent. of attendance, males 75, females 81, total 78. Those present every day: John Corbin, Harper Dell, Harold Spangler, Ernest Miller, Olive Morgan, Ruth O'Connor.

To Run County Line.

Four of the five surveyors who will make up the commission to re-run the line between Bedford and Huntingdon counties have been named. The Bedford county court named George W. Cunard, of Everett, and the County Commissioners of Bedford county selected Daniel Hoover of R.F.D. No. 2, Martinsburg. J. Murray Africa, of Huntingdon, has been selected by the court of this county and the Huntingdon county commissioners have chosen William P. Michell, of Lock Haven These four men will meet at Saxton and select the fifth surveyor. It is a condition that no two of the five may be from one county.

This survey will determine in which county that "no man's land" in the vicimty of Puttstown lies. It has been a source of annoyance for many years in collecting taxes and enforcing laws.

Jacob Stehman, who killed his wife at the market house in Harrisburg 13 months ago in a fit of drunken jealousy, was hanged in the Dauphin county prison yard on Thursday morning. His neck was broken by the fall. After hanging for eighteen minutes he was pronouncad dead. His body was turned over to an undertaker for interment at Oberlin. Stehman received a pension of $520 from the United States government Wednesday on account of his father who served in the Civil War and died when the murderer was 12 years old. Stehman willed his two little girls his pension money with instructions that it should be turned over to an aunt to be kept for them until they are older. The Stehman family at one time resided near Newton Hamilton.

Marriage Licenses.

J. M. McManigal, Cromwell and Sarah C. Stallman, Rockhill.

Sylvester G. Peters, McClure, Snyder Co. and Sarah A. Brode, Carbon.

Miley M. Griffith, Bedford Co. and May J. Bortz, Cumberland Valley.

Harry A. Fagan and Mary E. Edmiston, both of Oneida township.

Isaiah Metz, Bedford Co. and Elnie Fisher, Lincoln.

Jno. M. Rodgers and Clara M. Simpson, both of Huntingdon.

Chas. H. Harris and Florence H. Baker, Huntingdon.

Chas. W. Hutchison, Saulsburg, and Nora I. Hallman, Manor Hill.

Frank R. Abbott and Sarah L. Whitsel, both of Mount Union.

Geo. S. Wilson, Barree, and Elsie D. Hoffer, Miller.

John S. Wagner, Mapleton, and Anna B. Arnold, Mill Creek.

G. W. Ross and Lettie Abbott, both of Bedford county.

Christmas post cards, folders, story books, enclosure cards, Christmas bells, masks, etc., for sale at the ITEM stationery store.

NOTHING makes a prettier addition to a children's Christmas party than a holly bomb, and it can be fashioned by the mother of the little hosts with very little trouble or expense.

The bomb, which is really a huge tissue paper ball trimmed with holly, must have a light framework of fine wire. Inside this framework are the presents—one for each child—wrapped in tissue paper and tied with ribbon. Holly ribbon (that is, a cream ground, strewn with holly) is very pretty for this purpose, but bright red ribbon is quite as effective.

Draw the long end of the ribbon through an opening in the wire frame and arrange the packages so that a hard jerk from the little fingers will bring them down. Next cover your wire with green tissue paper, crumpled, to give the appearance of flower petals, and then twine holly about the bomb and suspend it from the chandelier.

Each child is given an end of ribbon, and then all dance round, singing to the tune of the old carol, "The first great joy that Mary had—"

All around the Christmas bomb,
It is the joy of all;
For when we pull the ribbons
A shower of gifts will fall.
Dear mother, give the signal,
And let the presents come,
For we are happy children
Around the Christmas bomb.

As the last line is being sung the mother raises her hand, each child gives his ribbon a big tug and a shower of presents falls upon the heads of the small bomb exploders.

Every mother likes to have her children daintily and suitably dressed for the Christmas party. For little girls nothing can be prettier than a long-waisted frock made of the sheerest lawn or dimity and tucked in tiny tucks. A deep fluffy flounce by way of a skirt makes the little one look fairylike.

Big berthas give a charming addition to these little dresses. Soft woolen materials are being used for boys' blouses. An attractive Russian blouse suit is made of cream colored challis and has collar, cuffs and belt of pale blue.

LITTLE JACOB'S CHRISTMAS

A Story Written by Rose Terry Cooke.

"FATHER, may I go out with you to-night on the plain?"

Little Jacob pulled at his father's outer garment and looked wistfully up at him with great soft eyes like his mother's.

Rachel, too, looked up from the wailing baby in her arms.

"May he not go, David? You have promised him to go for some time, and the child here is sick. It will be quieter if Jacob be with you."

"The boy shall go," answered David, "but he must sleep now, for there is no sleep for him there. The wolves have come down from Lebanon, and we keep open eyes and strict watch to-night; but let him be ready at sunset. Is my scrip filled, Rachel?"

"It is filled, and the water-gourd is ready."

So David left the little hut outside of Bethlehem and went to his sheep in the field; and when the sun came hotly down at noon Jacob curled up on a mat in the corner and slept long and sweetly, for he longed to be out at night among the sleeping sheep and the watching shepherds, and he hid his own little sling and store of smooth pebbles inside the breast of his coat, hoping to slay a wolf himself.

Then the night came softly over Judea; the gentle winds hushed their whispering; the distant ripple of Kedron sung a sleepy song, and on the wide, brown waste of the plain the flocks lay like heaps of fallen clouds, gray in the dim light, and noiseless except when some tiny lambs bleated for the mother it could not find with its half-opened eyes. Jacob clung tightly to David's hand; the silence and the darkness awed him; the plain seemed to meet the sky; he could see only a broken line on that clear dark horizon where the roofs of Bethlehem, low and flat, crowned the hilltop; his hand grew chilly in his father's and David saw the boy was afraid. He spoke to the other shepherds, who sat or stood among the flocks:

"Let us sing the folding Psalm, brethren, for the child is strange to the night, and remembereth not the Shepherd of Israel is with us." So two of the men began, in rich, low voices, to chant:

The Lord is my shepherd;

And then the rest answered:

I shall not want.

And the first two sang again:

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,

And another response came:

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

So they went on through the beautiful Psalm, and Jacob listened and felt sure that God was there in the night. When the Psalm was over, he sat down on the plain beside his father, or walked about the sleeping sheep, and held his sling ready to strike a wolf in the forehead. But no wolves came; the night was still and soft, the dark blue sky was all alight with splendid stars, shining and glittering as they wheeled slowly across the sky—so slowly that little Jacob could not see them move. He did not speak much, for the stillness was like a finger on his lips, but he watched the heavens with wondering eyes, and when his father looked down at him and smiled Jacob heard him say softly:

The heavens declare the glory of God,
And the firmament showeth His handiwork.
Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night showeth knowledge.

Then Jacob began to wonder how the days spoke; if it was with noisy winds, or birds singing, or the sound of waters far off; and then he fell into a kind of dream, leaning against his father's knee, for it was almost midnight, and David had sat down to rest.

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But suddenly, in one breathless moment, both David and Jacob sprang to their feet, and all the other shepherds crowded up to them with pale faces, and open eyes, and trembling knees; for in an instant, without sound or sigh, the wide heavens were flooded with light and glory, brighter than the sun at noon; the stars were drowned in light, the radiance flowed in waves of splendor from mid-heaven down to earth. And then, in the deepest depths of glory far above their heads in the heart of all the shining, appeared a great angel, with robes of whiteness brighter than the gathered light, and a face calm with awful gladness; and the shepherds were sore afraid, for they thought the Day of the Lord was come. But the angel smiled upon them, like the sun shining in his strength, and spoke like the voice of the sea for might, yet sweeter than the turtle-doves amid the cedars of Lebanon, and he said unto them:

"Fear not! For behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord! And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger."

Little Jacob heard these words, but he knew them not, except the name of Messiah, for whom he often heard his mother pray in the evening time, but now, while the glad tidings sounded still, behold! from the bright depths of Heaven came angel after angel, countless as the hidden stars, and radiant as light itself; their stainless ranks rayed outward from the vast, calm shape of the Herald Angel like means from the morning sun, and with a great sound like the flowing of some mighty stream, they sung the song of Heaven:

Glory to God in the highest!
And on earth peace;
Good-will toward men.

The wondrous sound thrilled all the high and glowing Heaven, and then, still with strains of glory and peace ringing above and falling fainter and fainter to those below, rank folded in on rank, the Angel of the Lord leading upward, and the awful splendor gathering up about them, they soared into that glory, and the glory shrouded their departing cohorts, and the dark midnight sky, feebly starred now to the shepherds' smitten eyes, bent its purple arch again above unconscious earth.

David stooped and lifted Jacob in his arms; neither of them could speak, but old Simeon, the oldest of all the Bethlehem shepherds, bent low, and, with uncovered head, began the chant:

O, come let us sing unto the Lord!
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Rock of our Salvation!

With low voices they sang the Psalm through, as they turned from the plain toward Bethlehem, forgetful of their flocks and herds, caring for nothing but to find the Messiah, the baby in the manger, the Son of God.

And there, indeed, in a rude cavern, where the beasts of burden were sheltered and their poor masters fed by the way—there, upon a shaken wisp of straw, a very babe in the flesh, lay the infant Christ, with His awed and adoring mother kneeling beside Him, and Joseph the carpenter standing with folded hands, amazed but faithful, beside the new-born King of Israel.

And while the shepherds told their wondrous tale, and they that were in the inn heard it, and adored, Mary shut up all these things in her heart, and little Jacob gazed on the calm, sad face of the Mighty Child, and went away with a vision in his soul that never left it while life remained.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

This was little Jacob's Christmas.

The telephone has not reached the point of a domestic convenience in France. It is but little used by the public generally.

THE WISE MAN.

You must have met the man who seems
To always know it all;
Who knows just why his friends succeed
And knows just why they fail;
Who knows why Brown divorced his wife
And just what caused the blow;
He always seems to know so much
That really isn't so.

He knows who slugged Bill Patterson,
He knows the age of Ann;
He knows how much his neighbor earns,
And tells it where he can;
He knows what caused the 'Frisco quake,
Why airships will not go;
It's wonderful how much he knows
That really isn't so.

He's always busy night and day
Distributing the news;
No matter what you're talking of,
This man you cannot lose.
He knows it all without a doubt,
And this he'll plainly show;
It is remarkable the things
He knows that are not so.

—From the Detroit Free Press

WIT HUMOR AND SARCASM

"Did you have a fine auto trip?" "Very much so—all fines."—Baltimore American.

"Can she keep a secret?" "No, but she can keep a cook, and that's something to brag about."—Detroit Free Press.

Aunt—And have you been all that long way alone? Niece—Yes, auntie. Aunt—Then how is it you went out with an umbrella and come back with a walking stick?—Punch.

Mistress—More than anything else, I want a servant who has some refinement. Applicant—Yis, mum; but Oi'll afther chargin' yez more if Oi hov to insthruct yez in th' ways av sassiety. —Judge.

Friend—How'd you come to write that "best seller"? The Modern Lit'ry Gent—First, I was struck by a thought, sketchized the epigram, playized the sketch, novelized the play, and advertised the novel!—Puck.

Explorer—Yes, I have decided to make my dash in an automobile. Reporter—And you think your chances of locating the pole are good? Explorer—Sure! If I get within a thousand miles of it, this machine of mine will run into it.—Puck.

"I understand that he has long been a student of political economy," said the visitor. "He has," said Senator Glucose, "and his economy in politics has kept him out of office. He thinks he can be elected without spending a cent."—Town and Country.

"The idea of his calling me extravagant!" exclaimed Mrs. Schoppen. "Well," replied her friend, "perhaps you're not as economical in your shopping as you might be." "Nonsense! Why, I never buy a blessed thing but bargains."—Philadelphia Press.

She—After we are married, dear, you'll tell me everything that happens, won't you? Cousin Fanny's husband does." He—Well, darling, I'll go Fannie's husband one better. I'll tell you a lot of things that don't happen at all.—Chicago Daily News.

"Is it difficult to become a philosopher?" asked the very young man. "Easiest thing in the world," answered the home-grown specimen. "All you have to do is to utter truths you don't believe and can't make other people believe."—Chicago Daily News.

"What were the best six sellers when you were in New York?" inquired the Indiana literary expert of his prosaic neighbor. "I'm blamed if I know," was the latter's reply. "As far as I can remember we only visited five of 'em, an' I didn't pay much attention to their locations."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Elder (discussing the new minister's probation discourse)—In my opeenion, he wasna justified in dividing folk into the sheep and the goats. I wadna just say, Jamie, that I was among the unco' guid, an' I wadna say that you were among the unco' bad. So, whar do we come in? He'll no do for us, Jamie. We'll no vote for him. —Punch.

Origin of the Cravat.

While every man wears a cravat there is probably not one in a thousand who could in an offhand way, tell you how it came about that men first placed such an ornament about their collar.

The word cravat came into our language about 1636. Prior to that year a feature of the uniform of the Austrian cavalry was a wide band of coarse linen worn in folds around the neck under their short Hussar jackets. This cavalry organization was called the "cravate," its members being styled the "Cravates."

Later, in the seventeenth century, France recruited a regiment of cavalry, adopting for it the uniform of the Austrian regiment recruited in Croatia, calling it the Royal Cravattes. Later in England the word "cravat" was applied to neckerchief.

After the battle of Steamkirk in Flanders, in 1692, an English officer brought home the "steamkirk," a long, flowing neckscarf edged with fine Flemish lace, the ends of which were drawn through a buttonhole of enormous size. The neckwear of today is clearly traceable to the steamkirk and the modifications it underwent.—Sartorial Art Journal.

THE PULPIT.

AN ELOQUENT SUNDAY SERMON BY DR. NEHEMIAH BOYNTON.

Subject: The Will and the Work.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Dr. Nehemiah Boynton, pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, having returned from his European trip, was in his pulpit Sunday. In the morning, greeted by a large audience, he preached on "The Will and the Work." The text was from John 4:34: "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work." Among other things, Dr. Boynton said:

The very essence of a rational faith in Jesus is dependent upon His being permitted to make His own impression upon one's soul as a being who met and mastered life in normal relations.

If you permit your fancy to dress Him in the light fluffy and ethereal garments of an airy mysticism you add to your imagination but subtract from His reality. If you array Him in the blue and sometimes navy blue homespun of a provincial theology your philosophy aspiring to do the task of sympathy takes away half His birthright. He recedes from the heart and mind of the world! But if you allow Him to be an actual resident in life and to live in the world to which He came, to work, to wonder, to minister, to suffer, to joy and to love, you restore Him to men. Again He lives in power, and by His very mastery of life indicates His claim to be the chiefest among ten thousand.

The supreme divinity of Christ, His individual and unique relation to the Father are best apprehended by setting His life in its ordinary and usual human relations, permitting it to tell its own story and make its own impression. Whether you compare Christ with the Samaritan woman or with the astonished disciples His own transcendant greatness is in distinct evidence.

Here is a travel-stained, weary and thirsty pilgrim sitting by a well; there a common water carrier comes to fill his pitcher. Their interview shows at once that they are not upon the same level; they do not see life from the same angle. The traveler is evidently in full possession of something for which the Samaritan woman has only heart hunger, something very high, noble, soul satisfying.

The disciples who come as she leaves are not much above her level, so far as appreciating Christ is concerned. They wonder that He is willing to stoop to speak to such a person! They offer Him food. Hospitality is the only grace they can at present afford. "Master, eat!" How slight an appreciation they have of the really nutritive forces of life! "I have eaten. I have been refreshed," says Christ. "Can it be that anyone has offered Him lunch in our absence?" they inquire.

"My meat," says Christ, "is to do the will of Him that sent Me and to finish His work."

Here is strong meat, indeed! Here is spiritual manna, indeed! The will and the work are the staples of that perpetual feast which alone will satisfy the higher soul-life of mankind. A first great teaching of this incident is the personal nature of real religion.

One of the pathetic visions of our own day is that of multitudes trying to find a place to trust their souls.

Religions which the world has outgrown are galvanized into life again and are made the depositories of restless spirits. New forms of religion have for many mighty attractions and for a time seem to satisfy the soul desire. There must be some one thing about the faith of Jesus which gives it pre-eminence over all other forms of faith, however much of fragmentary trust they embrace. And that one thing is the sense of personal relation with God. "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me!" This is the great Christian contribution to religion. God is Father of all spirits. To connect with His will is to relate oneself with Him and satisfy the longings of one's deepest soul. "I know Jesus Christ," said Bushnell, "better than I know any man in the city of Hartford, and if He should be walking along the street and see me, He would say, 'There goes a friend of Mine.'"

The joy, the assurance, the certainty of a Christian faith, root themselves in the sense of personal relation between the soul and God, which affords the comfort, security and inspiration of living.

Jesus again is insistent in His teaching that a loyal will always expresses itself in work: "To finish His work." A personal relation with God expresses itself through a social appreciation and effort. Nobody ever travels to Heaven alone. Everybody must help carry somebody else who would mount the shining pinnacles of the city of our God. The greatest work in the world is to get one's will in play—to establish goodwill among men!

There is the race question, for example. How are men of different races to be treated in free America?

It is no longer a question of the colored man alone, but of the Indian, the Japanese, the Chinese as well. Indeed, it is no longer a mere American question. It is an international question, bound to become more and more imperative and vital in coming days. What is the solution? Is it in institutions of social sympathy like clubs and settlements? Is it in laws drastic and enforced? These can do something, but the real solution waits upon the will of the people, upon disposition and attitude. The deeper recognitions are in order. "A man's a man for a' that!" The nobler fellowships are due. The will of God is waiting for a larger expression over against passion, pride and prejudice! If Jesus could find in an ordinary Samaritan water carrier a soul worthy of His kindly disposition, His sympathy, His solicitude, then His followers are bound to find in every human being a spiritual relative and maintain toward all made in the image of God a brother's regard and care.

Doing the will of God will always express itself in some form of social service.

You will solve social problems only by kneading into them the leaven of the Christian spirit, and there will be a rise in every social scale as the will of Christ is by His disciples given adequate expression.

A third and final teaching of the Master in this incident concerns spiritual accomplishments.

What we want, says the impatient disciple, is results! Indeed, here is a great truth, but what kind of results, pray? Are apparent returns always the indices of a true Christian progress? Is it not possible "to make a showing" which by its very luridness is only a blind to a really deplorable state of affairs?

Cheap method, superficial endeavor and questionable procedure are, to be sure, dazzling temptations. Apparently they take the kingdom of Heaven by violence and bring it in. Really they are sorry apologies for a true accomplishment, which is, first of all, in the implanting of a will, a disposition.

He that believeth shall not make haste! "The sower and the reaper shall rejoice together." The man who sows a spirit and the man who reaps a harvest are fellow sharers in a common joy!

If Jesus is judged by the harvesting of His life, He has small tally! Two hundred souls, only, embraced His faith when He gave His life for the world. But if any true measurement attempts to estimate the realization of His life, and He is judged by the sowing of His life, then, indeed, does He appear as a master workman. He buried a spirit in the heart of the world which has been in the world ever since, with its ever recurring seedtime and harvest. He is known among men by the splendor of His will, which abides, rather than by the incidents of His work, which are glorious memories of the past.

The will and the work, these two; but the greatest, the most harvesting of these is will, for, after all, "it is not what a man does, but would do, which exalts him;" and mighty are the spiritual accomplishments of those, no matter for apparent figures, whose hearts are stayed on Him and through Him reach loving arms to the world.

The Blood of Christ.

Have we outlived the efficacy of the blood of Christ, and is the tale of His Cross a sound from which all the music has gone forever?

We need the sun to-day, as we have ever needed it; the wind is still the breath of health to our dying bodies; still we find in the earth the bread without which we cannot live; these are our friends of whom we never tire; can it be that the only thing of which we are weary is God's answer to our soul's deepest need? Shall we keep everything but the blood of Christ? Shall the Cross go, and the sun be left? Verily, as the sun withdrew at the sight of that Cross, and for the moment fled away, he would shine never more were that sacred tree hewn down by furious man.

The blood of Christ is the fountain of immortality! The blood of Christ, it makes the soul's summer warm and beauteous! The blood of Christ, it binds all Heaven, with its many mansions and throngs without number, in holy and indissoluble security! My soul, seek no other stream in which to drown thy leprosy! My lips, speak no other song with which to charge your music! My hands, seek no other task with which to prove your energy! I would be swallowed up in Christ. I would be nailed to His Cross. I would be baptized with His baptism. I would quail under the agony of His pain that I might triumph with Him in the glory of His resurrection.

O my Jesus! my Saviour! Thine heart did burst for me, and all its sacred blood flowed for the cleansing of my sin. I need it all. I need it every day. I need it more and more. I search out the inmost recesses of my poor wild heart and let Thy blood remove every stain of evil.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Mighty Saviour! Repeat all Thy miracles by taking away the guilt and torment of my infinite sin.—By the late Joseph Parker, D. D., in London Christian.

The Joy of the Lord.

Some of the most precious lessons of love and trust were taught me by a poor invalid upon one of the first charges to which I was sent. She was dependent upon her friends; was a constant rheumatic sufferer, and a confirmed consumptive. She was a sanctified Scotch Presbyterian, and a monument of the power of Christ's love to soothe and cheer in suffering.

While disease stuck envenomed fangs into her flesh her soul was ever in a transport of joy. "Oh!" said she, "I have not a pain or a privation, I have no suffering or sorrow but Jesus is a sharer."

"Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed."—W. S., in the Vanguard.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR DEC. 22 BY THE REV. I. W. HENDERSON.

Subject: Samuel, the Upright Judge, I. Sam. 7:1-13—Golden Text, I Sam. 7:3—Memory Verses, 12, 13—Read I. Sam. 5-7.

It must have been with feelings very different from those of their last encounter, when the ark of God was carried into the battle, that the host of Israel now faced the Philistine army near Mizpeh. Then they had only the symbol of God's gracious presence, now they had the reality. Then their spiritual guides were the wicked Hophni and Phinehas; now their guide was holy Samuel, says Dr. Blaikie. Then they had rushed into the fight in thoughtless unconcern about their sins: now they had confessed them, and through the blood of sprinkling they had obtained a sense of forgiveness. Then they were puffed up by a vain presumption; now they were animated by a calm but confident hope. Then their advance was hallowed by no prayer; now the cry of needy children had gone up from God's faithful servant. In fact, the battle with the Philistines had already been fought by Samuel on his knees. There can be no more sure token of success than this. Are we engaged in conflict with our own besetting sins? Or are we contending against scandalous transgression in the world around us? Let us first fight the battle on our knees. If we are victorious there we need have little fear of victory in the other battle.

It was as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering that the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. There was an unseen ladder that day between earth and heaven, on which the angels of God ascended and descended as in Jacob's vision at Bethel. The smoke of the burnt-offering carried up to God the confession and contrition of the people, their reliance on God's method of atonement, and their prayer for His pardon and His blessing. The great thunder with which God thundered on the Philistines carried down from God the answer and the needed help. There is no need for supposing that the thunder was supernatural. It was supernatural. It was an instance of what is so common, a natural force adapted to the purpose of an answer to prayer. What seems to have occurred is this: a vehement thunderstorm had gathered a mile to the east, and now broke, probably with violent wind, in the faces of the Philistines, who were advancing up the heights against Mizpeh. Unable to face such a terrific war of the elements, the Philistines would turn round, placing their backs to the storm. The men of Israel, but little embarrassed by it, since it came from behind them, and gave the greater momentum to their force, rushed on the embarrassed enemy, and drove them before them like smoke before the wind.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." The characteristic feature of the inscription lies in the word "hitherto." It was no doubt a testimony to special help obtained in that time of trouble; it was a grateful recognition of that help; and it was an enduring monument to perpetuate the memory of it. But it was more, much more. The word "hitherto" denotes a series, a chain of similar mercies, an unbroken succession of Divine interpositions and Divine deliverances. The special purpose of this inscription was to link on the present deliverance to all the past, and to form a testimony to the enduring faithfulness and mercy of a covenant-keeping God. But was there not something strange in this inscription, considering the circumstances? Could Samuel have forgot that tragic day at Shiloh? Had Samuel forgot how the victorious Philistines soon after dashed upon Shiloh like beasts of prey, plundering, destroying, massacring, till nothing more remained to be done to justify the name of "Ichabod?"

All that Samuel has considered well. Even amid the desolations of Shiloh the Lord was helping them. He was helping them to know themselves, helping them to know their sins, and helping them to know the bitter fruit and woeful punishment of sin. He was helping them to achieve the great end for which He had called them—to keep alive the knowledge of the true God and the practice of His worship, onward to the time when the great promise should be realized—when He should come in whom all the families of the earth were to be blessed. Samuel's idea of what constituted the nation's glory was large and spiritual. The true glory of the nation was to fulfil the function for which God had taken it into covenant with Himself. Whatever helped them to do this was a blessing, was a token of the Lord's remembrance of them. The links of the long chain denoted by Samuel's "hitherto" were not all of one kind. Some were in the form of mercies, many were in the form of chastenings. For the higher the function for which Israel was called, the more need was there of chastening. The higher the destination of a silver vessel, the greater is the need that the silver be pure, and therefore that it be frequently passed through the furnace. The destination of Israel does not merely give thanks for seasons of prosperity, but for checks and chastenings too.

Greatest of Calamities.

Success ill-used is the ruin of any man. The prosperity which forgets the God who gave it is the greatest calamity of human life.—Dr. Parker.

Brief News BY WIRE

WASHINGTON.

Andrew Carnegie added $2,000,000 to his endowment of $10,000,000 for the Carnegie Institution for Scientific Research.

The arbitration treaty agreed upon by the Central American peace conference was made public.

The relations between President Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou are strained.

Thomas B. Wallace, 2d, fourteen years old, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Wallace, of Tacoma, Wash., died in the home of his grandfather, Chief Justice Fuller.

William L. Merry was appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Nicaraugua and Costa Rica.

The Vice-President announced the appointment of Senators Cullom and Bacon as regents of the Smithsonian Institution, to fill vacancies. Speaker Cannon reappointed Representatives Dalzell, Mann and Howard as regents.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Fanning and Washington Islands, of the Fanning group in the South Pacific, have been sold by auction at Suva, Fiji, to Father Brougier for the sum of $125,000.

The anti-Japanese feeling is growing in Hawaii, owing to acts of the Japanese Consul-General in Honolulu.

To be Attorney-General of Porto Rico—Henry M. Hoyt, of California.

The Dutch cruiser Celderland is the first Dutch warship that has visited San Juan, P. R., for twenty years. The Union Club will give a ball in honor of the officers.

Work on fortifications in the Philippines is rushing. Men are laboring night and day on Corregidor Island.

DOMESTIC.

General Funston arrived at Goldfield, Nev.

John A. Steele, who shot three men, one fatally, in the State House, Boston, was indicted for murder in the first degree.

Stephen Buhrer, Mayor of Cleveland two terms from 1867 to 1871, is dead. He was born December 25, 1825, at Zoar, Ohio.

Ex-Governor Frank S. Black addressed the New Hampshire Bar Association at Concord, N. H.

Henry Youtsey testified at the Powers trial, at Georgetown, Ky., that the defendant knew of the plot to kill Goebel and picked the stairs by which the slayer escaped.

The graduation of the senior class at West Point has been fixed for the month of February.

John F. Radecke, a retired box-maker, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A. A. Lenz, in Baltimore, in the ninety-seventh year of his age.

Benjamin Champney, a noted landscape artist, died at his home in Woburn, Mass., aged ninety.

Mayor Farnham, of Lowell, Mass., removed two police commissioners who refused to resign for alleged malfeasance in office and neglect of duty.

Augustus Wilson, of Louisville, Republican, was inaugurated Governor at Frankfort, Ky.

M. E. Sprague, of Drew, Me., a lumber manufacturer, assigned for the benefit of his creditors at Bangor, Me., his liabilities being $350,000.

From the statements of employes of the lines and from reports of experts the New York City Public Service Commission declared the equipment of the surface lines to be inefficient and dangerous.

The schooner Gardner B. Reynolds, from Wilmington, N. C., for Portland, Me., was deserted at sea.

Shoe factories in Brockton, Middleboro and North Adams, Mass., employing more than 4000 hands, were ordered to resume a full time schedule.

John Busca, a white man and veteran of the Black Hawk War, died in Council Bluffs, Iowa, aged 115 years. He was a lifelong user of tobacco.

Captain D. H. Mahan has been detached from duty in command of the battleship Iowa, and assigned as commander of the navy yard at Puget Sound.

Secretary Cortelyou announced that national banks taking out the new Treasury certificates would be allowed to retain seventy-five per cent. of the purchase price as a Government deposit.

FOREIGN.

An automobile, owned by James Watson, of Calumet, Mich., ran over and killed a man in Paris.

Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, resigned from the German Naval League as a protest against its political agitation.

Maxim Gorky, who has returned to Rome, is being watched in the belief that that city is to be made the headquarters for Russian conspirators.

Dr. Ernest Brenner, a Radical, was elected President of the Swiss Republic.

Boris Sarafoff and another Macedonian revolutionary leader were murdered in Sofia.

The manager of the Banco Agricola at Lima, Peru, committed suicide. His act was caused by the discovery of a defalcation amounting to $140,000 in his accounts. The announcement caused a great sensation.

STATE NEWS BUDGET.

Gives Life to Save Husband.

Mrs. Mary Stah, wife of Peter Stah, an employe of a construction company which is building the new reservoir at Altoona, was murdered by a burglar. The woman was awakened by a noise in her room and saw a man ransacking her trunk. She aroused her husband, who started after the burglar, but his wife, fearing he would be killed, threw her arms about Stah and endeavored to hold him. As she did so the robber fired and Mrs. Stah fell dead with a bullet in her brain. The burglar escaped.

Killed on First Trip.

Albert Cozard, a student at Waynesburg College last year and a pitcher on the college baseball team, was killed at West Union while coupling two cars on the Washington and Waynesburg Railroad. Cozard, who was twenty-one years old, had secured employment as a brakeman to get money for further prosecution of his college studies, and was on his first run when he met death. He was regarded as one of the best amateur pitchers in Western Pennsylvania. He was a son of Lewis Cozard, of Khedive, Greene County.

Peter J. McNulty Dead.

Peter J. McNulty, a millionaire real estate owner and theatrical manager of Pittsburg, died in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, from heart disease. With R. M. Gulick Mr. McNulty was lessee and manager of the Bijou and Alvin Theatres, in Pittsburg. Before the death of the late Henry M. Bennett Mr. McNulty was that millionaire's financial man. When Mr. Bennett died it was found that he had divided his fortune among Mr. McNulty, Mr. Gulick and Miss Laura Biggar, actress.

Murderer Gets Pension.

Jacob Stehman, who was hanged in the Dauphin County prison yard at Harrisburg for shooting to death his wife thirteen months ago, has been granted a pension of $520 by the United States Government, as a minor child of Christopher Stehman, late of Company I, Ninety-third Pennsylvania Infantry. The voucher was received from Washington and was immediately taken to Philadelphia and cashed by Stehman's attorney, who arrived with the money, which the murderer has bequeathed to his two small children.

Five Years For Stealing.

Oscar McClintock and his nephew, Bert McClintock, of Pittsburg, were sentenced to prison for five years each for stealing three cents. They were the men who held up James Watt recently and were angry with him because he had a certified check instead of a pocketful of cash. Watt heard one of them talking in a car a few days later and recognized his voice. In this way the pair was arrested.

"Whopper" Gas Well.

Another big gas well was drilled in Greene County by the Waynesburg-Aleppo Gas Company in the Aleppo field several miles from Waynesburg. It is within 1500 feet of the Wheeling Gas Company's lines. This company is endeavoring to purchase the product. The pressure when the gas pocket was penetrated was so great that the casing was burst and efforts to control the flow have so far failed.

Took Antitoxin, Died.

Ely Weitzel, aged thirty-four years, a clerk in the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company's office at Philadelphia, fell dead in the office of Dr. S. N. Wiley, at Norristown, after an injection of antitoxin was given him. A five-year-old daughter of Mr. Weitzel is ill with diphtheria, and as a preventive it was decided to administer the drug.

George Jackson Humbert Dead.

George Jackson Humbert, forty years ago a newsboy at Pittsburg, died suddenly, several times a millionaire. Mr. Humbert was one of the best known iron and steel men in the country, his specialty being the tin business. Heart disease caused his death.

Just a Kid; He Smokes.

Henry Twele, Jr., three and one-half years old, of Greenoak, near McKeesport, is probably the most youthful smoker in Allegheny County. The boy has been using tobacco for more than a year. He cries unless given a pipe or a stogie once or twice a day, and nothing else will pacify him. Milk and medicine are spurned.

It is Now "Greater Pittsburg."

Pittsburg and Allegheny, with several suburbs, became one city when the decision of the Supreme Court arrived in Pittsburg and was placed on file in the office of the Prothonotary. Aside from the ringing of bells and the blowing of whistles there was no demonstration.

Blame For Naomi Explosion.

The report of the Coroner's jury investigating the explosion at the Naomi mine, at Fayette City, which resulted in the death of thirty-four miners, attributes the accident to insufficient ventilation and sparks from electric wires or an open light.

Widow Awarded $5000.

Mrs. Caroline McKahan, who sued to recover $30,000 from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company for the death of her husband in a grade crossing accident at Claysville a year ago, has been awarded $5000.

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MARKLESBURG.

And now it is the jingle of the bells: sleigh bells.

The shipping of iron ore from this point is on the increase.

Prof. L. E Boyer and wife attended the grange meeting at West Chester last week.

Our neighbor, H. P. Reynolds is recovering slowly from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Charlie Crum, wife and daughter Hazel, are visiting Mrs. Crum's parents at Huntingdon.

Our Sunday schools are preparing for Christmas entertainments, and the little folks are happy.

A fall of the beautiful on Friday night and Saturday affords a fine protection to the winter grain.

Wm. R. Hatfield and wife, of Huntingdon, were pleasant callers at the home of Samuel H trick on Sunday.

The champion hog in Marklesburg kicked the beam to 488½ lbs. What was the weight of that Calvin champion?

Two cases of typhoid fever in our town; but under the skillful treatment, of Dr. Wolfe, they are on a fair way to recovery.

We were sorry to learn through the ITEM last week, of the illness of our old friend and comrade, J. C. Shaffer, of Calvin.

Charlie Baker and family after an extended visit with relatives and neighbors at Newburg, returned to their home here on Sunday.

The farm of David Brumbaugh, deceased, was sold on the 6th. inst by the administrators for $3300. Frank and Irvin Brumbaugh, brothers, being the purchasers. This property has been in the Brumbaugh name from time almost immemorial.

The death, on the 7th inst. of Mrs. Baine at the home of her daughter Mrs. Dr. Myers, in Huntingdon, called together a number of relatives that we had not met for years. Among these were Rev. E. C. Houck and wife, of Clearfield county, Dr. Albert G. Lovell, of Boonsborough, Maryland, Mr. Jesse Lovell, of Denver, Colorado, Dr. Flemming, wife, daughter, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Lotz, of Shirleyburg, and Mrs. K. A. Lovell, of Philadelphia. And while we met under conditions that were sad, yet it was a pleasure to take the hand of these loved ones that in our youthful days were very close companions.

CASSVILLE.

Dr. Heaton, of Saltillo, was in Cassville this week on professional business.

Mrs. Alice Mierley, of Calvin, spent a day in Cassville last week among her friends,

George Hamilton expects to spend Xmas at the home of his sister, Mrs. Van Horn, of Montoursville, Pa.

Cards are out for the reception to Mr. and Mrs. Chalmer Horton at the home of Webster Carfman Thursday, 19th.

Preaching service in the M. E. church last Sunday evening. Rev. Reeser gave a very impressive sermon on "Faith in God."

Master Carl Wright was in town Monday morning bright and early to buy some Xmas gifts and then hurried off over the mountain to be in time for school at his home in Smith valley.

The Lutheran Sabbath school will hold their Xmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, December 24th. The Methodist school will hold theirs on Wednesday evening, 25th. All are cordially invited to attend.

TODD.

M. H. Taylor attended State Grange last week.

Miss Loretta Cooper is recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Miss Elda Taylor visited her uncle, S. B. Evans, at Harrisburg, last week.

G. W. McClain has gone to Altoona to spend some time with his children.

T. T. Houck, of Saxton, visited his daughter, Mrs. P. A. Horton, recently.

Allison Heeter, after spending sometime with relatives here, has returned to Altoona.

The meeting, at Newberg, is still in progress. At this writing there have been twenty-five conversions.

Notice.

All those indebted to Miller & Calmenovitz will please call at the office of A. W. Swope, Esq., where the accounts have been left for collection.

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Deeds Entered For Record.

Geo. R. Rishel to Thos. F. Rishel, Porter, $1,000.

Jno. Hess, Sr. and wife to Annie M. Enveart, Lincoln, $600.

Thos. F. Rishel to Carl M. Lankard, Porter, $2300.

Samuel H. Lightner and wife to Emma J. Snyder, West, $125.

H. A. Buckley et al to Wm. Rogers, Cromwell, $350.

Rockhill Iron & C. Co. to Wm. Rogers, Cromwell, $500.

Peter Adolphson, et al to Nelson Adolphson, Carbon, $1200.

Mary W. Spidle and hus. to Nora C. Sheaffer, Shirley, $3100.

Jno. Mort and wife to Daniel Roher, Springfield, $275.

Nanny H. Huey and hus. to Geo. E. Henderson, Alexandria, $400.

Geo. W. Thompson and wife to Chas. W. Jenkins, et al Mt. Union, $2500.

Jos. Isenberg heirs to Jno. M. Laughlin. Walker, $565,

Marion Hess and wife to Amy Chilcote, Tod, $250.

J. M. Lutz, admr., to Melissa J. Metz, Brady, $232,50.

Nelson Adolphson to Geo. W. Donelson, Carbon, $1100.

Frank W. Stewart, Shff. to L. C. Morganroth, right of way, Hare's Valley R. R. $500.

F. W. Stewart, Shff. to Chas. C. Brewster, Warriorsmark, $600.

F. W. Stewart, Shff. to Jennie Gearhart, Juniata, $90.

J. R. Simpson, Exr. to Geo. A. Trimmer, Alexandria, $75.

Lucy V. Read to Harry W. Read, Huntingdon, $1.

Wm. T. Decker and wife to Wallace I. Rupe, Henderson, $1,000.

Jas. M. Rawlings and wife to Juniata White Sand Co., Union, $5.

Wm. J. McDivitt and wife to Jas. Foster, Oneida, $650.

Minnie F. Stevens and husband to Patrick Ganity, Mount Union, $50.

Forest W. Shaver and wife to Herman A. Oppel, Shirley, $400.

Chas. Wenzel and wife to Erederick Wenzel, Mt. Union, $200.

Prompt Payers.

The following subscriptions have been received at this office:

C. L. Lynn	May 27, '08
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R. C. Fields	April 10, '08
E. S. Chilcott	September 1, '08
Dr. B. F. Chilcott	September 20, '08
Mrs. Ruth Dunlap	September 4, '08
Mrs. M. E. Long	September 1, '08
G. Monroe Querry	November 20, '08
D. E. Parker	February 1, '08
M. E. French	February 3, '08
S. W. McDonald	April 1, '08
J. C. Curfman	December 5, '07
Amon L, Walls	February 27, '08
L. C. Corbin	December 1, '08
Abram Shaffer	October 19, '08
N. C, Browu	December 24, '03
O. G. Stevens	December 1, '08
J. M. Wakefield	August 20, 03
William Matthews	June 15, '08
W. E. Johnston	April 11, '08
G. C. Miller	January 22, '09

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And his football hair
While he's off there
At college.

—Louisville Courier-Journal.

DIED

WILSON—At his home near Warriorsmark, December 13, 1907, after an illness of three weeks, Christian Wilson, aged 72 years.

KEEFER—At his home in Eden valley, December 10, 1907, of dropsy, William Keefer, aged 59.

MARRIED.

STAPLETON — TROUTMAN— Nov. 27, 1907, by the Rev. C. F. Althouse, Chalmer C. Stapleton and Miss Geraldine Troutman, both of Stonerstown.

RODGERS—SIMPSON—At the home of the bride's parents Dec. 3, 1907, by Rev J. Harper Black, D. D., John M. Rodgers and Clara M. Simpson, both of Huntingdon.

McMONIGAL—STULLMAN—At the parsonage of the First M. E. church, Dec. 3d, 1907, by Rev. J. Harper Black, D. D., John M. McMonigal, of Cromwell township, and Sarah C. Stullman, of Rockhill.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between J. C. Shaffer and John Bowman, engaged in the manufacture of lumber, under the firm name of Shaffer & Bowman, was on Feb. 15, 1907, dissolved by mntual consent. JOHN BOWMAN.

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SOUTH Expr's A M	SOUTH Mail P M	STATIONS	NORTH Mail A M	NORTH F Line P M
8 35	5 56	Huntingdon	11 10	5 15
8 45	6 05	McConnellstown	11 00	5 05
8 50	6 09	Grafton	10 56	5 00
8 55	6 14	Brumbaugh	10 51	4 55
8 59	6 18	Marklesburg	10 47	4 51
9 06	6 25	Entriken	10 40	4 44
9 11	6 30	Beaver	10 35	4 39
9 16	6 35	Cove	10 30	4 34
9 27	6 46	Saxton	10 20	4 23
9 31	6 50	Clark	10 15	4 18
9 39	6 58	Riddlesburg	10 08	4 11
9 44	7 02	Hopewell	10 04	4 07
9 56	7 10	Cypher	9 56	3 59
10 07	7 19	Tatesville	9 46	3 50
10 17	7 27	Everett	9 38	3 43
10 20	7 30	Mt. Dallas	9 35	3 40
10 43	7 50	Bedford	9 15	3 20
11 35	8 35	Hyndman	8 28	2 30
12 05	9 05	Cumberland	8 00	2 00

Sunday train leaves Huntingdon at 8.35 a. m. and returning 5.30 p. m.

SHOUP'S BRANCH.

SOUTH Expr's A M	STATIONS	NORTH Expr's P M
9 35	Saxton	4 00
9 50	Coalmont	3 45
	Crawford	
10 05	Dudley	3 30

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EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD and COAL CO. Time Table No. 24, in Effect Monday, January 7, 1907

SOUTHWARD	No. 2 a.m.	No. 4 p.m.	No. 6 a.m.	No. 8 a.m.
Mount Union LEAVE	9 15	3 50		
Mount Union Yard	9.20	3 55	11 20	
Augh. Mills	9 32	4 08	11 32	
Shirley	9 45	4 20	11 45	
Orbisonia	10 00	4 35	12 00	
	10 10	4 45	1 35	5 30
Booher Junction	10 15	4 50	1 40	5 34
Pogue	10 22	4 57	1 50	5 45
Three Springs	10 33	5 12	2 05	5 50
Saltillo	10 40	5 25	2 15	5 50
Kimmel	11 00	5 45	2 35	6 10
Cole's	11 13	5 58	2 50	6 38
Rocky Ridge	11 18	6 03	2 55	6 38
Martins	11 23	6 08	3 00	6 40
Cook's	11 28	6 13	3 05	6 45
Robertsdale	11 40	6 25	3 15	6 50
Woodvale ARRIVE				7.05
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m

NORTHWARD	No. 1 A.M.	No. 3 P.M.	No. 5 A.M.	No. 7 P.M.
Woodvale LEAVE				4 25
Robertsdale	6 05	12 40	8 25	4 30
Cook's	6 15	12 50	8 35	4 40
Martins	6 20	12 54	8 39	4 44
Rocky Ridge	6 25	12 58	8 43	4 48
Cole's	6 30	1 03	8 48	4 53
Kimmel	6 38	1 10	8 56	5 01
Saltillo	7 00	1 30	9 18	5 25
Three Springs	7 10	1 38	9 25	5 32
Pogue	7 25	1 50	9 37	5 42
Booher Junction	7 35	1 58	9 45	5 50
Orbisonia	7 40	2 05	9 50	5 55
	7 55	2 10	10 10	
Shirley	8 10	2 25	10 25	
Augh. Mills	8 20	2 35	10 35	
Mt. Union Yard	8 35	2 50	11 55	
Mount Union ARRIVE	8 40	2 55		
	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.

SHADE GAP BRANCH.

SOUTHWARD No. 12 p.m.	No. 10 a.m.	STATIONS	NORTHWARD No. 9 a.m.	No. 11 p.m
4 50	6 55 Lv	Orbisonia Ar	7 45	5 45
4 57	7 00	Groves Quarry	7 40	5 39
4 58	7 01	*Blackleg	7 39	5 38
5 06	7 08	*Cedar Rock	7 32	5 30
5 09	7 10	*Locke Valley	7 30	5 27
5 15	7 15	Ar. Shade Gap Lv	7 25	5 20
p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	p.m

Train No. 8 will have right of track over train No. 1 between Orbisonia and Coles.
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The Company reserves the right to vary from the above Time-Table without notice.
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WESTWARD—5 27 a. m., 7 48 a., m., 9 39., a. m. 11 02 a. m., 8 16 p. m., 4 51 p. m., 7 21 p. m.
EASTWARD—6 17 a. m., 8 59 a. m., 11 58 a. m., 12 51 p. m., 3 11 p. m., 5 55 p. m., 7 29 p. m., 10 32 p. m.

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ANNUAL ADVICE.

Post-Thanksgiving jokes are ended;
Football verse is out of season.
Nothing's left to give our splendid
Rhymes a reason.

'Tisn't winter, 'tisn't autumn,
Snowy, rainy. Fortunately,
I have neither lost nor bought umbrellas lately.

Money's not so tight, I fancy—
Though a bard is not so very
Sure—to matters of finance he
Isn't jerry.

Politics and all such rot is
Something that we hate the sight of.
For the love of goodness, what is
Left to write of?

Surely, this at least. Renew your
Vows to 'scape the hurly-burly—
(Christmas presents—crowds—rush. Do your
Sh-pp-ng e-r-ly!)

—Cleveland Leader.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Fancies, Fallacies and Facts About the Science.

WHAT AN EXPERT HAS FOUND

Why New Jersey's Supervisor of Roads Prefers a Lighter Macadam to a Telford Road—How to Build a Good Stone Highway.

From the time of the prophet Isaiah to the present men have had their ideas of a perfect highway. The plans of road engineers have been criticised as newfangled, while they were only aiming at the road that Isaiah saw with prophetic eye when he cried: "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain." Thus the fancy that a straight road with easy grades is a new idea is swept away by the words of Isaiah uttered over 700 years before the Christian era, writes R. A. Meeker, state supervisor of roads, New Jersey, in the Good Roads Magazine.

Later Claudius Appius had his vision of a road that would perpetuate his name, and his dream has been realized. But beyond that he gave—what? The monument of a tyrant who compelled thousands to work for naught and a lasting example of how not to build a road. The Appian Way, famous in picture and story, is avoided over a greater portion of its length by every traveler who is in a hurry to reach his journey's end.

This old Roman's idea of a deep foundation has lived after him, but no experienced road builder adopts it. The old Roman's fancy that it is necessary to build a deep foundation for a road crops out here and there, even at the present time, and is exploited as the best and, in fact, the only true way to build a road. It was not until road builders learned that thoroughly drained earth was the only sure foundation for any kind of road covering that a great advance was made in road construction.

That road improvement is an expensive luxury, something nice to have, but too costly for those who have to work for a living, is the fancy of some, but it is not borne out by experience. In New Jersey every dollar expended for road improvement has added tens and hundreds of dollars to our state's wealth.

The first roads I built were sixteen inches deep, composed of ten inches of telford bottom and six inches of compacted two and one-half inch and one and one-half inch crushed stone and finished with coarse stone screenings. That the foundation of this kind of road lasts is true, but the top wears off much more quickly, and when that is gone every driver avoids the telford road in good weather. I well remember the first sixteen inch telford I ever saw. It was in 1869 at my home city of Plainfield, N. J. We boys were discussing it very learnedly, as we thought. In fact, we were merely rehearsing what we had heard our elders say, when an old Scotchman passed by and, catching the drift of our remarks, said: "Boys, it is wrang. It is a' wrang. It is wrang in prencepil. Here ye hae the anveel, an' on it ye put the sma' stone. Along comes the horse and wagon. The horse's hoofs pound the sma' stone an' the wagon wheels grind it till, 'twixt the hammer and the anveel, the sma' stones are ground to powder." We laughed at the old Scot, but my experience has since taught me that he was right. Not only is a deep telford more expensive to build, but the road wears rough much sooner than a lighter macadam and is consequently much more expensive to maintain. It is also much harder on horses' feet, as it has no elasticity.

It has been argued that a deep telford road will not be heaved by frost. This is not so. I have seen fourteen inch telford turned upside down by frost so that the large bottom stones were on top of the road, while six inch macadam built over the same soil and same conditions of travel remained unmoved, the only other difference in construction being that underdrains were placed outside of the macadam, while none was used beside the telford.

To build a good stone road, first grade your hill down to 5 per cent or less if possible; fill up your flats so you have a minimum grade of at least one-half per cent; second, by underdrains cut off all water that may threaten the road; third, give your road a crown of three-quarters inch per foot; fourth, cut out your subgrade, being careful to give it the same curvature as the finished road; fifth, roll the subgrade until it is hard and smooth, carefully removing any spongy or vegetable earth that the rolling may disclose; sixth, spread your bottom course evenly, then roll and add a little binder and continue the rolling until the stones cease to sink or creep in front of the roller; seventh, spread your second course and roll it, with the addition of binder and water, until the whole surface is hard and smooth, carefully filling with stone any depressions that may appear, then finish the whole with a course of three-fourths inch stone and screenings. This must be soaked with water and rolled until a wave of mud is formed in front of the roller, being particularly careful to commence the rolling at the sides and gradually work toward the center. By so doing you will preserve the crown of your road. If this work is well and thoroughly done, you will have a road that is smooth, hard and convenient for travel at all seasons of the year.

The Secret of Joy.

Do you hunger for true happiness? Take Christ at His own words, "Lo, I am with you always." Then you can rejoice in Him always. Such joy is not only a privilege, but a duty, for a Christian to be spiritually wretched is a sin. Remember that it is not where you are, but what you are, that determines your happiness. Spiritual joy is a sign of heart health. Spiritual depression and complaining are signs of disease. When a baby frets and moans the mother says: "Something is wrong. This child is sick." A sulky, selfish, complaining temper shows that we are not abiding in this love of Jesus.—Theodore L. Cuyler.

Pillars of God's Temple.

Whenever souls are being tried and ripened in whatever commonplace and homely ways there God is hewing out the pillars for His temple.—Phillips Brooks.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

Bulletin.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS ON THE RAILS

At no other period of the year does home-hunger grip the human heart with such an eager yearning as at Christmas time. The lasting memories of the old homestead, the tender welcome of the older and the merry greetings of the younger dear ones, the happy reunion about the festal board, the pungent odor of the cedar, the witchery of the holly, the lurking sentiment of the mistletoe, all combine to make a lure well nigh irresistible.

It is the season of reunions and foregatherings, of meeting and parting.

The zest of travel is rife, for apart from the home-going and social exchanges it is a holiday time for many and there are pleasant excursions to be made, where sightseeing has an added relish from the prevalent gaiety and good cheer.

The Pennsylvania Railroad is always popular at holiday times. Its system is far-reaching, and at the same time so closely interwoven with the needs of the traveler; its trains are so numerous and so well equipped for the accommodation of every class of travel, and its ticketing arrangements so satisfying that it might be termed the Santa Claus route.

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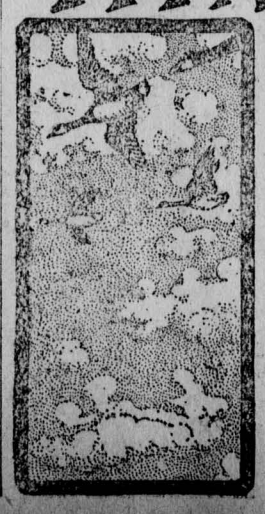

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NO THIRD TERM FOR ROOSEVELT

Announces He Will Not Deviate From Election Night Declaration.

DECISION THEN MADE STANDS

Statement Issued From White House —President Says: "I Have Not Changed and Will Not Change the Decision Then Announced."

Washington, D. C.—This announcement was given out for publication at the President's office at the White House:

"On the night after election I made the following announcement: 'I am deeply sensible of the honor done me by the American people in thus expressing their confidence in what I have done and have tried to do. I appreciate to the full the solemn responsibility this confidence imposes upon me, and I shall do all that in my power lies not to forfeit it. On the 4th of March next I shall have served three and a half years, and this three and a half years constitute my first term. The wise custom which limits the President to two terms regards the substance and not the form, and under no circumstance will I be a candidate for or accept another nomination.'

"I have not changed and shall not change the decision thus announced."

In this manner Mr. Roosevelt ends the pressure that has been put on him from all over the country for the last few weeks to make some sort of declaration which would end the uncertainty everywhere existing as to what he would do in response to the loud demand, partly real and largely manufactured, which was being made for his renomination by the Republican National Convention at Chicago next June.

Throughout the clamor of the third-termers it has been perfectly well understood, and nowhere better than at the White House, that it came from several classes of men. One was composed of those who honestly and sincerely believed that the President would be the most available candidate to succeed himself whom the Republicans could name.

One was made up only of sycophants who thought that by shouting for his renomination they could best please the President and most serve their own purposes, especially in the matter of patronage. Another was composed of men who are really opposed to Mr. Roosevelt and what he stands for, and who thought that the use of his name as a cloak would best serve to conceal their real intentions and desires.

Among the closest of the genuine friends of the President there has never been any doubt, however, as to the sincerity of his purpose to stand by the declaration he made on the night of his election three years ago. But the men who were known in their communities as his friends created a new situation.

Had it been only the known enemies of the President who had joined in the cry for a third term, the announcement might not have been made. But in almost every State in the Union men reported to be friends of Roosevelt made it a business to circulate the story if the nomination were tendered to Roosevelt he could not decline it.

In deciding to issue the statement, the President acted with the advice of Secretary Root, Postmaster-General Mayer and Secretary Garfield, all of whom are stanch friends of Secretary Taft, and of Secretary Loeb, who is an equally strong supporter of Mr. Taft.

BRYAN NOT SURPRISED.

Never Believed Mr. Roosevelt Would Be a Candidate Again.

Lincoln, Neb. — When told that President Roosevelt had repeated his declaration that he would not be a candidate for re-election, William J. Bryan expressed no surprise. He declared that the position of the President was as he had thought it to be Mr. Bryan said:

"I have assumed from the beginning that President Roosevelt would not be a candidate. The statement that he issued the night of the election left no room for misunderstanding, and I have felt that his friends were doing him an injustice in suggesting that he would change his position on the subject."

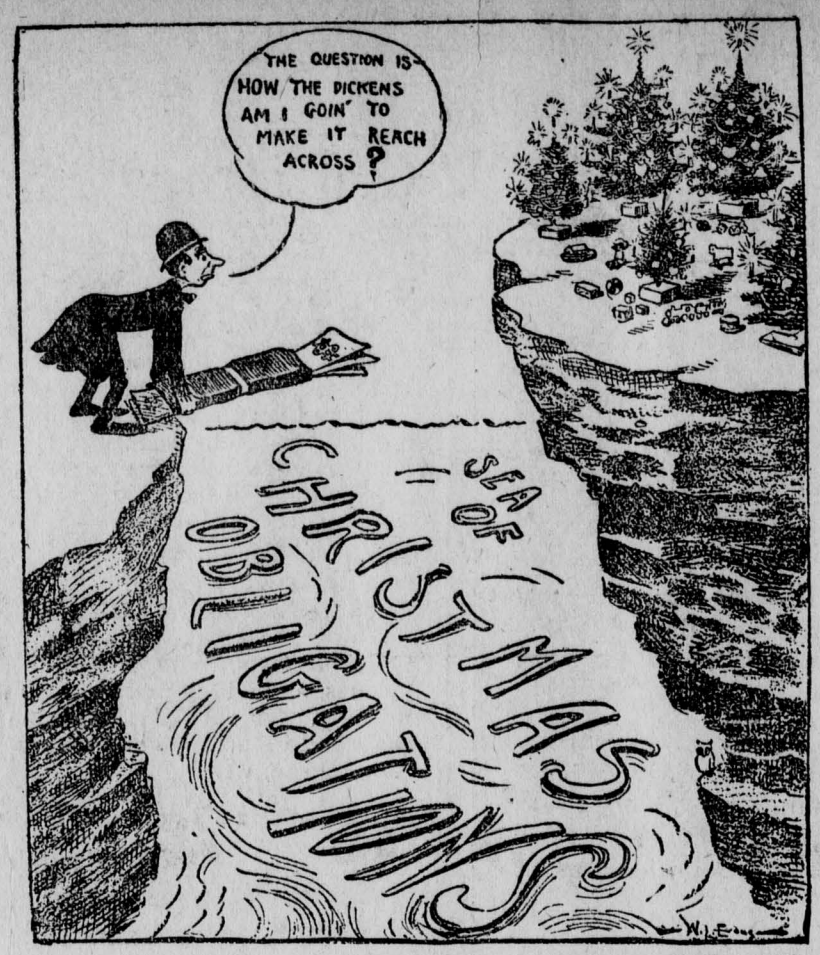
FIRST MAN ELECTROCUTED.

New Jersey's New Execution Law in Force at Trenton.

Trenton, N. J.—The death which Saverio di Giovanni, murderer, knew he could not avoid, the death in fear of which he had lived many days of indescribable terror, came to him in the electric chair in the New Jersey State Prison. A few moments before he was put to death he was awakened from the hideous nightmare he had suffered for three weeks. Death was his relief.

The month in which di Giovanni was to die in the electric chair for the slaying of Joseph Sansone, in the latter's fruit store at Raritan, commenced three weeks ago, and since then the prisoner has been mentally tortured in a living hell.

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PROBLEM.



A PUZZLER.
—From the Cleveland Leader.

ABOLITION OF POOLROOMS MAY BE ABSOLUTE SOON.

Expected That Louisiana and California Will Prohibit Sending of News --Jockey Club's Bitter Fight--Every Means Used, Including Refined Violence, to Keep Information Secret.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Abolition of the poolroom for good and all throughout the country is expected soon after January 1 next. Action begun by the Jockey Club of New York State, in conforming to the now famous Belmont-Slicer agreement made in 1906 to keep news from the tracks, has been followed officially in other States permitting racing and probably will be in the last two strongholds of the poolroom men—Louisiana and California.

In both these States the Legislatures are expected to pass acts creating State racing commissions modeled along the lines of the New York and Kentucky bodies. These in turn probably will be asked to refuse licenses to tracks which do not agree to suppress information to the rooms. If this be done poolrooms will be things of the past.

New York and Brooklyn folk who are betting this winter on the New Orleans races, or on the Oakland contests, are doing so on the English system—or handbook way. They get no advance information except in a few instances, and rely entirely on the morning papers for the prices.

Following of the Belmont-Slicer agreement has cost the Jockey Club thousands of dollars and has taxed the ingenuity of the best detective forces in the country. Violence has been used unscrupulously in the warfare, though no actual deaths have occurred as far as is known. The whole story of the war between the tracks and poolrooms probably never will be told, but if written would make the Old Sleuth and Deadwood Dick stories look like Sunday-school books.

Armed invasion of premises where poles overlooking the tracks were erected; cutting down of these observation towers while men with drawn pistols stood over the workmen; blowing up a steel tower near Belmont Park with dynamite, and the cutting of every wire leading from a town (Saratoga), were only parts of the fight. For weeks armed patrols guarded every foot of every wire leading into the tracks, and dozens of spies were employed to ferret out rooms and from there trace the sources of information if it was at all complete.

The heliograph and the wireless; the wigwag system of army and navy signals; kite flying and the old principle of the camera obscura—all were resorted to to get the news, and in fighting these and other methods the Jockey Club agents even enlisted the elements. Mirrors throwing the sun's rays in the eyes of the heliograph men spoiled that scheme; heavy currents of electricity thrown into the air at various "attunements" broke up the wireless; arrest of the wigwaggers on all sorts of charges, and other kites spoiled those schemes, while probably the most daring was the sending of heavy electric currents over 'phone wires used by poolroom men. It was a fight to the death, and if the frequenters of the poolrooms of the past are to be believed, the Jockey Club won. The Belmont-Slicer agreement will be enforced just as rigorously in the racing season of 1908, if necessary.

DEAF MUTE DAUGHTER OF A MILLIONAIRE TO BECOME FARMER

Miss Mary J. Crane, Heiress of a Chicago Iron Manufacturer, After Study is Ready For Her Life Work.

Chicago. — Announcement that Mary Josephine Crane, daughter of the multi-millionaire iron manufacturer, Charles R. Crane, intends to become a farmer, is arousing much interest in Chicago.

Miss Crane, who has been deaf and dumb from birth, is twenty years old. She is about to finish a three years' course in agriculture in the University of Wisconsin, at Madison. Her proficiency as a student has attracted favorable attention from the members of the university faculty and students.

Miss Crane's companion, Miss Camp, who acts as an interpreter when necessary, accompanies the young woman into the classrooms and takes notes for her, although the latter can understand almost every word of a speaker by watching the motions of the mouth. Miss Crane, however, attends examinations alone, and has not yet failed to pass with high grade. She has made a special study of how to diet sheep and care for their wool.

Recently Miss Crane's father gave her a farm near the Crane summer home at Lake Geneva. She intends personally to direct the work there next summer.

INTERVIEWS WITH LEADING EDITORS SHOW NEW ENGLAND PROSPEROUS

Financial Trouble Has Had No Real Effect Upon Industrial Activity, and the Situation is More Encouraging Than For Years.

Boston.—The Boston Herald publishes a symposium of reports of the business conditions throughout New England, gathered from the leading editors of this section of the country. These show that the recent flurry in the money market had small effect upon industries.

There has been no serious letup of the wheels of activity. The industrial situation in some places is more encouraging this winter than in former years. Orders for goods from the West and South are as large as heretofore. There has been no considerable reduction of force in any of the places of employment. Many orders for goods are fully as large as a year ago, when the demand was abnormal. The effect of the money stringency in Holyoke was so small as to be unnoticeable.

Portsmouth, N. H., expects to have the busiest winter in its history, while from Rutland and Barre, Vt., the situation is described as busy, thifty, confident.

From Brockton, the largest shoe manufacturing place in the world, comes the report that the output for eleven months of the year will be greater than the whole of last year. Lynn and Lawrence and Holyoke have the same story to tell.

SEVEN MEN DROWN AS BRIDGE GOES DOWN

Flood at Mifflinville, Pa., Causes Fatal Accident.

FORTY THROWN INTO THE RIVER

Partly Completed Steel Structure Collapses, Throwing Victims Into the Raging Susquehanna—Names of the Lost and Injured.

Bloomsburg, Pa. — High water caused the collapse of a new bridge in course of erection over the west branch of the Susquehanna River at Mifflinville, eight miles north of here, and resulted in the death of seven men and the injury of nearly a score of others, two perhaps fatally. Forty men were at work on the traveler on the middle span of the structure when it collapsed. They were all thrown into the swollen river.

The collapse of the bridge was caused by the rapid rise in the river. The water rose during the day at the rate of a foot an hour and debris carried down the stream by the floods struck the false work of the bridge and caused its collapse.

The accident occurred at nightfall when the men were preparing to abandon their work. As a result the work of rescuing those who were thrown into the water and caught in the mass of twisted iron and steel was greatly retarded. The second span of the bridge was being erected, and it was this section that fell with the big traveler.

The bodies of four of those killed were found floating on the surface of the water entangled in the bent and twisted girders and ironwork. Many of the men were caught in the rapid water and carried a mile or more down the river before they were rescued. William Nesbit was caught in the ironwork and held a prisoner for an hour with his mouth and chin above water before being rescued.

The bridge was being built by the State to replace one carried away in a freshet in 1903. Superintendent Lawton, in charge of the construction, and who was on the bridge when it fell, says that he has not been able to ascertain the cause of the collapse

The dead are: A. W. Fahs, Selins Grove; Charles Creitzer, Selins Grove; Adam Nuss, Selins Grove; Adam Tritt, Beaver Valley; Irvin Updegraff, Georgetown; Millard Bowman, Mifflinville; George B. Faux.

The most seriously injured are: William Boyer, New York, back broken, probably fatal; Ray Sherwood, Moshoppen, skull punctured, probably fatal; Percival Reighterback, leg broken; Howard Reighterback, leg fractured; William Meyer, leg broken; Luther Eckerd, shoulder dislocated; Cecil Sharer, shoulder dislocated; Newton Dalton, general contusions; Harry C. Goodling, right arm broken; John Seesholtz, general contusions; John Fisher, arm broken; William Weiking, general cuts, and Jacob Johnson, fractured leg.

CHICAGO GETS CONVENTION.

Has 31 Votes to 18 1 or Kansas City and 4 For Denver.

Washington, D. C.—The Republican National Convention will meet in Chicago on June 16, 1908. This decision was reached here at the final meeting of the Republican National Committee. The vote stood Chicago, 31; Kansas City, 18; Denver 4, after which it was made unanimous.

It was a hard fought battle, and although the result had been generally expected the losing delegations refused to give up hope and many impassioned speeches were the result. The utmost good humor prevailed among the contending factions.

Efforts are being made to give political significance to the decision of the committee in favor of Chicago, but there is little or no such significance involved. Taft men voted for Chicago, anti-Taft men voted for Kansas City and third term men were to be found among the advocates of both cities.

But there is every reason to believe that even had not the political phase of the question been developed the decision would have been the same. An appreciation of the hotel facilities and climatic advantages of Chicago would doubtless have proved decisive of itself once Chicago made an effort to capture the convention.

HIBBARD MAYOR OF BOSTON.

City Gives Him 2000 Plurality Over a Democrat and an Independent.

Boston.—In the closest and hardest fought election contest Boston has known for many years the city went Republican by about 2000 votes. Postmaster George A. Hibbard, Republican, defeated Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, Democrat, who was a candidate for re-election. The revised returns show the following vote cast for the Mayoralty candidates: John A. Coulthurst, Independence League, 15,871; Fitzgerald, 36,054; Hibbard, 38,067.

The city voted to license the sale of liquor by a large majority, though somewhat smaller than in previous years, owing to a hard campaign on the part of the clergy and others in an endeavor to keep the saloons out of the suburbs.

Worcester, Lynn and Woburn were won by the temperance voters.

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

MILK.

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 4c. per quart.

BUTTER.			
Creamery—Western, extra	29	@	29½
Firsts	26½	@	28
State dairy, finest	27	@	28
Good to prime	25	@	26
Factory, thirds to firsts	15	@	20
BEANS.			
Marrow, choice	—	@	2 25
Medium, choice	2 25	@	2 30
Red kidney, choice	—	@	2 30
Pea	2 30	@	2 32½
Yellow eye	—	@	2 25
White kidney	2 70	@	2 75
Black turtle soup	1 90	@	2 00
Lima, Cal	—	@	3 70
CHEESE.			
State, full cream	15½	@	15¾
Small	—	@	15¾
Part skims, common	3½	@	4½
Full skims	1	@	2
EGGS.			
Jersey—Fancy	45	@	50
State—Good to choice	38	@	43
Western—Firsts	30	@	33
FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.			
Pears, Seckel, per bbl	4 00	@	6 00
Keifer, per bbl	2 00	@	3 00
Apples, per bbl	1 25	@	4 00
Grapes, Niagara, per basket	12	@	15
Delaware, per basket	12	@	15
Cranberries, C. Cod, per bbl	3 00	@	8 50
Jersey, per bbl	3 25	@	6 00
DRESSED POULTRY.			
Turkeys, per lb	12	@	21
Broilers, Phila., per lb	22	@	23
Fowls, per lb	8	@	12
Chickens, per lb	8	@	12
Ducks, spring, per lb	8	@	12
Geese, spring, per lb	8	@	12½
Squabs, per dozen	1 25	@	4 00
HAY AND STRAW.			
Hay, prime, per 100 lb	—	@	1 10
No. 1, per 100 lb	—	@	1 05
No. 2, per 100 lb	—	@	1 00
Clover mixed, per 100 lb	75	@	00
Straw, long rye	60	@	65
HOPS.			
State, 1907, choice	15	@	16
Medium, 1907	10	@	12
Pacific Coast, 1907, choice	10	@	11
Choice, 1906	—	@	5
VEGETABLES.			
Potatoes, State, per sack	1 75	@	2 00
Jersey, per bbl	1 75	@	2 00
Sweets, per basket	1 25	@	2 00
Tomatoes, per carrier	1 50	@	3 50
Egg plant, per box	1 00	@	1 75
Squash, per bbl	1 25	@	2 00
Peas, per basket	1 00	@	2 50
Peppers, per carrier	75	@	1 50
Lettuce, per basket	25	@	1 25
Cabbages, per bbl	50	@	1 50
String beans, per basket	2 00	@	3 50
Onions, Conn., white, per bbl	2 50	@	4 50
Yellow, per bbl	1 75	@	2 25
Orange Co., red, per bag	1 00	@	1 50
Carrots, per bbl	75	@	1 00
Beets, per bbl	1 50	@	1 75
Turnips, per bbl	75	@	1 00
Okra, per carrier	1 50	@	2 50
Lima beans, per box	2 50	@	3 00
Cauliflower, per bbl	1 00	@	3 50
Cucumbers, per box	2 00	@	3 50
Celery, per doz	15	@	50
Horseradish, per bbl	4 00	@	6 00
Pumpkins, per bbl	75	@	1 00
Watercress, per 100 bunches	1 00	@	1 50
Spinach, per bbl	1 25	@	1 50
Kale, per bbl	90	@	1 00
Oyster plants, 100 bunches	3 00	@	5 00
Brussels sprouts, per qt	6	@	10
Parsnips, per bbl	1 00	@	1 25
GRAIN, ETC.			
Flour—Winter patents	4 80	@	5 20
Spring patents	5 25	@	6 25
Wheat, No. 2 red	99⅜	@	1 00½
No. 1 Northern Duluth	—	@	1 16
Corn, No. 2	67	@	68⅜
No. 2 yellow	—	@	67¾
Oats, mixed	—	@	54½
Clipped white	58½	@	65
Rye, No. 2 Western	—	@	90
Lard, city	—	@	8¼
GAME.			
Quail, per doz	2 00	@	3 75
Plover, golden, per doz	4 50	@	4 75
Snipe, per doz	3 00	@	3 50
Woodcock, per pair	1 00	@	1 25
Grouse, per pair	3 00	@	3 50
Ducks, canvas, per pair	2 75	@	3 00
Rabbits, cottontail, per pair	20	@	25
LIVE STOCK.			
Beeves, city dressed	7½	@	10
Calves, city dressed	8	@	14
Country dressed	7	@	13
Sheep, per 100 lb	3 00	@	4 50
Lambs, per 100 lb	5 75	@	6 50
Hogs, live, per 100 lb	4 85	@	5 00
Country dressed, per lb	6	@	8

WINTER WHEAT ACREAGE.

Seeded Area Shows a Decrease of 596,000 Acres—Rye Acreage Short.

Washington, D. C.—The crop reporting board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture finds from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau as follows:

The newly seeded area of winter wheat is estimated at being 1.9 per cent. less than the area sown in the fall of 1906, equivalent to a decrease of 596,000 acres and a total acreage of 31,069,000. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 91.1, as compared with 94.1 on December 1, 1906, 94.1 at the corresponding date in 1905, and a ten-year average of 93.0.

The newly seeded area of rye is estimated as being 2.2 per cent. less than the area sown in the fall of 1905, equivalent to a decrease of 46,000 acres, and a total acreage of 2,015,000. The condition of rye on December 1 was 91.4, as compared with 96.2 on December 1, 1906; 95.4 at the corresponding date in 1905, and a ten-year average of 95.9.

The final estimates of the total acreage production and farm values of the principal crops of 1907 will be issued on December 20.

The Government report made the condition of winter wheat 91.1, against 94.1 for 1906. Acreage, 31,069,000, against 31,665,000.

The indicated crop from this condition by the new method adopted by the Produce Exchange is 397,653,000 bushels, compared with the August preliminary figures of the last year of 409,500,000 bushels and actual two years ago of 492,888,000 bushels. No comparison with this method is available for 1906.

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Dr. Charles A. Eastman, the noted Indian author, has just completed a revision of Indian names on the Sioux allotment roll, and has given new surnames to 28,200 Indians in the Sioux nation after four years of continuous labor.

BLACK, ITCHING SPOTS ON FACE.

Physicians Called It Eczema in Worst Form—Patient Despaired of Cure —Cuticura Remedies Cure Her.

"About four years ago I was afflicted with black splotches all over my face and a few covering my body, which produced a severe itching irritation, and which caused me a great deal of suffering, to such an extent that I was forced to call in two of the leading physicians of ———. After a thorough examination of the dreaded complaint they announced it to be skin eczema in its worst form. Their treatment did me no good. Finally I became despondent and decided to discontinue their services. Then my husband purchased a single set of the Cuticura Remedies, which entirely stopped the breaking out. I continued the use of the Cuticura Remedies for six months, and after that every splotch was entirely gone I have not felt a symptom of the eczema since, which was three years ago. Mrs Lizzie E. Sledge, 540 Jones Ave., Selma, Ala., Oct. 28, 1905."

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Raising the Poor.

No attempt to raise the poor—that is, of course, the self-respecting poor—has, in my opinion, the slightest possibility of real success unless it porvides opportunity for self-help and effort among the poor themselves.—T. Holmes, in the Quiver.

A TERRIBLE CONDITION.

Tortured by Sharp Twinges, Shooting Pains and Dizziness.

Hiram Center, 518 South Oak street, Lake City, Minn., says: "I was so bad with kidney trouble that I could not straighten up after stooping without sharp pains shooting through my back. I had dizzy spells, was nervous and my eyesight affected. The kidney secretions were irregular and too frequent. I was in a terrible condition, but Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and I have enjoyed fine health since."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

GALE BRINGS DEATH ON LAND AND SEA

Destructive Storm Sweeps Coast and Lake Regions.

THE THOMAS W. LAWSON LOST

England Also Suffers in Blow That Sweeps With Damaging Force Along Her Coast — Estimated That Forty Perished.

New York City.—New York caught the end of a world-wide storm. There have been gales all along the English coasts for the last few days. The Thames Valley is flooded. Small craft have suffered severely.

The giant seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, named after the Bostonian, turned turtle off the Scilly Islands. Fifteen sailors lost their lives in that wreck.

Communication by wire between England and the Continent was cut off to a great extent. A great deal of cabling from London to Paris was done by way of New York.

The London Daily Mail, for instance, which gets out a Paris edition on Sunday, wanted to get English news over for its Paris edition. Its direct telegraph and telephone wires were out of commission. The news was cabled to its correspondent in New York, who refiled it by cable to Paris.

All the other English news designed for the French papers had to come mostly by way of New York.

New York got her end of the storm in a heavy nor'easter, which blew at the rate of sixty-five miles. Complications of snow, hail and heavy rain continued throughout the day and part of the night.

The American bark Edmund Phinney went to pieces on the sands of the Hook, although her crew were saved. The Pacific fleet in Hampton Roads suffered severly.

The storm swept up the Atlantic Coast, snow and hail playing havoc with telegraph lines. Both telegraph companies had difficulty in establishing communication in any direction.

Eastward from New York communication by wire was almost impossible. A single wire to Boston was all that remained of the scores of trunk lines through New England. North, south and west there was trouble in communicating by rail.

All traffic by rail or water was impeded.

Six coastwise steamships that set sail for Southern ports turned back. The White Star liner Arabic, in from England, reported heavy storms all the way across.

A dozen or more Jersey towns were in darkness because of the blowing down of the electric light poles.

Chicago, Ill. — The biggest storm known in Chicago in years struck the city, tying up transportation facilities of every sort. Snow plows were used by the traction companies in an effort to clear their tracks, but the rapidity with which the snow fell and drifted made it necessary to go over the lines several times before the tracks could be used.

Boston.—The storm in this vicinity started in with heavy snow at noon, which by night had blocked the street cars and held up traffic of all sorts. In the evening the snow turned to rain, which crushed down the slush laden telephone and telegraph wires throughout New England. Telegraphic communication was almost entirely cut off. The storm was the fiercest that has been known on the Rhode Island coast in years, and the work of the crews of the Quonchontaug and Watch Hill life saving station, who battled bravely with the surf from noon to midnight and rescued all the persons on the tug Hercules and her five barges, is highly commended. The Pleasantview Beach is strewn with wreckage, and it is thought that not one of five craft can be saved.

London.—The gale along the British coast, which was described by Captain Jameson, of the steamship St. Louis, as the worst in his experience, subsided. It was responsible for the loss of at least forty lives, so far as is at present known, the minor wrecks including a vessel seen to founder in the Channel off Svanage, with a loss probably of her crew of seven.

Hughtown. — George Allen, of Bradford, England, who was one of the three survivors of the schooner Thomas W. Lawson, which was capsized in Broad Sound, Scilly Islands, died next day. Captain Dow, of the Lawson, told of his experience after being washed from the vessel. When he found that his ship was driving upon the rocks and nothing more could be done he distributed lifebelts and gave the order to the men to save themselves, if they could. He advised them to climb into the rigging, which they did, but the vessel soon broke up.

MAINE BANKS' SHOWING.

Business Increased, Despite the Flurry, State Examiner Says.

Augusta, Me.—Maine banks have passed through the recent financial flurry splendidly and have made an excellent showing in the opinion of State Bank Examiner William B. Skelton.

"The Maine banks will show an increased business for this six months over the reports made in April last," said Mr. Skelton. "We had not expected an increase at this time."

ROOSEVELT AND THE PANIC

Cowboy Mayor of Omaha Visits President at White House.

Tell the Boys if I Am Responsible For the Money Panic I Am Glad of It—Rotten Foundation.

Washington, D. C.—The Washington Times prints the following:

"Tell the boys that if I am responsible for this money panic, which showed up the rotten foundation on which the finances of the country were built, I am glad of it."

In these terms President Roosevelt told James Dahlman, cowboy-Mayor of Omaha, just where he stood on the panic proposition. The President and Mayor Dahlman are old friends, having punched cows on adjoining ranches in the West some years ago. Mayor Dahlman was accompanied by Elmer E. Brown, "a Sullivanized Democrat," who owns and edits an anti-Bryan paper in Lincoln, Neb. The President was "delighted" to see his old friends and greeted them heartily.

Mayor Dahlman is the type of man who never takes "no" for an answer when he wants "yes." He demonstrated that at the White House, when Secretary Foster told him it would be impossible to see the President, because it was Cabinet day.

"Well, we don't exactly want to break up the Cabinet meeting," said the cowboy-Mayor, "but we would like to see his Nibs. We'll just send in our cards."

The cards were sent in and the President came out the next moment. He gave both visitors a vigorous pump-handling and called them by their first names.

"Of course the boys out in Omaha will want to know whether or not I saw you and talked with you," said the Mayor, "and I thought I would drop around."

"I'm glad you came," said the President; "mighty glad you came. Tell the boys out in Omaha if I am responsible for this money panic, which showed up the rotten foundation on which the finances of the country were built, I am glad of it. I don't care what Governors and Judges say, this panic had to come sooner or later. If I have been instrumental in bringing it about sooner than it would have come naturally it is all the better. The panic showed the necessity for a general housecleaning in financial circles and the sooner housecleaning is started the sooner it is over with."

RATE WAR SETTLED.

Governor Glenn and President Finley Agree on Compromise.

Asheville, N. C.—A compromise to settle the railroad rate litigation was agreed upon at a conference between Governor Glenn and President Finley, of the Southern, in Raleigh.

By the terms of the settlement the State will establish a legal rate of two and a half cents a mile, the railway making the following concessions:

Reduction of interstate transportation to two and a half cents so that interstate and intrastate rules are uniform; 2000-mile mileage books at two cents, interstate and interchangeable; 2000-mile books for firms and employes not to exceed five persons, good in and out of the State, and interchangeable; a 500-mile family mileage book good in the State, at two and a quarter cents, with the further stipulation that the railroads bear all the expenses of the litigation to date, including attorney's fees up to the time of compromise. The Governor asked for family mileage books at two cents, but after conferring with State officers and counsel agreed to two and a quarter cents rather than prolong the litigation.

The Seaboard Air Line joined with the Southern on this agreement, but the Atlantic Coast Line objected.

DEMOCRATS AT DENVER.

National Committee Decides to Meet on July 7 in the Colorado City.

Washington, D. C.—The decision of the Democratic National Committee to hold the next National Convention in Denver on July 7 was arrived at essentially on the basis of expenses. St. Paul, Chicago and Louisville were all rivals with Denver for the honor, and the favorite from the start seemed to be Louisville, but in the end Denver outbid her Kentucky rival, and the delegates, viewing the offer of Colorado gold, stampeded to the Western city.

The offer of $100,000 to cover the expenses of the convention was reenforced by the statements about the climate, the hotal accommodations, the scenery, the snow-capped, sunkissed peaks, thousands and thousands of feet above sea level, but it was the money that was most effective.

WILLIAM BLISS DEAD.

Was President of the Boston and Albany Railroad For 27 Years.

Boston.—William Bliss, president of the Boston and Albany Railroad for twenty-seven years, died at his home here.

Mr. Bliss was born in Springfield December 11, 1834. He entered the railroad service in October, 1865, and became assistant to the president of the Western Railroad of Massachusetts. He was appointed general freight agent in 1866.

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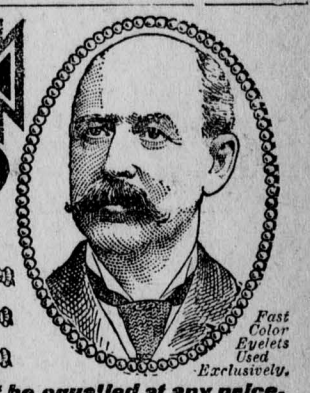

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Prayer Meeting Topic For the Week Beginning Dec. 22, 1907.

By REV. S. H. DOYLE.

Topic.—The Magnificat; a Christmas song.—Luke i. 46-55.

"The Magnificat" is the general liturgical title of the hymn of Mary composed in her joy at the thought of becoming the mother of the Messiah of Israel and the Saviour of the world. This name was given to the song because it is the first word in the Latin rendering "Magnificat amina mia Dominum" (my soul doth magnify the Lord.) The Magnificat was composed in very early times. It was introduced into the western churches by Caesarius of Arles, and at the time of Gregory the Great it was sung every day in Rome at vespers. It has been translated into many languages and has been retained by Protestant churches. It is one of many sublime Christmas songs and breathes a Christmas spirit that may well be an inspiration to all Christians at this season of the year. Song has ever been associated with the birth of Christ. When He was born in Bethlehem of Judaea a heavenly host sang, "Glory to God In the Highest," and with every recurrence of the anniversary of His birth earthly hosts, and perhaps also heavenly ones—who knows?—celebrate the event in song.

But the Magnificat as spoken by Mary was not simply a song, but an expression of her feelings in contemplation of the birth of Christ. And, while she was distinguished above all others in connection with His birth and her emotions correspondingly strong, yet from her expression of those emotions we may learn some of the characteristics of the true Christmas spirit.

1. In the song of Mary we have the Lord exalted. "My soul doth magnify the Lord." In the highest part of her being, the soul, she magnified and exalted her God at the thought of Christ's birth. She called upon her soul and all that was within her to praise and magnify her God. The exaltation of God in our souls should be a never failing part of the celebration of the birth of Christ. It was the first actual step in the gift of God's Son to the world, the one act for which, above all others, our souls should praise and magnify the Lord, and the emphasis should be placed upon souls. It should be spiritual praise and glorification and not simply the expression of good will to our friends and loved ones or mere words of praise to God.

2. In Mary's song joy is manifested at the thought of Christ's birth. Moreover, it was spiritual joy. "My spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour." Joy is an essential element in the thought of Christ's birth. He came to bring joy out of sorrow and joy to the whole world. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come." But here, too, the spiritual side should be emphasized. Christmas brings much joy. The hearts of the poor are made glad. The sick and the afflicted in their homes, in hospitals and Christian institutions are most kindly remembered. The givers have greater joy than the receivers, and consequently joy abounds. But, while these features of the Christmas season should not be abandoned, yet we should earnestly seek the highest joy at the Christmas season—the joy of our souls in His coming and His abundant provision through His life and death for all our spiritual wants in the life that now is and that which is to come.

3. In Mary's song we see self humiliation. Mary magnifies the Lord, but acknowledges her own humility. The strain of personal humiliation runs all through Mary's song. And is there not a suggestion here for us? As we contemplate all God's blessings, and especially His greatest one—the gift of His Son—and at the same time remember our own unworthiness, should not our hearts be filled with humility, and such a humility as will enable us the more sincerely to ascribe all the praise and glory and honor to our God?

BIBLE READINGS.

Gen. iii, 15; Isa. ix, 6, 7; xi, 1-9; Matt. ii, 1-12; Luke ii, 8-20; xv, 1-24; John iii, 16; I Cor. vi, 19, 20; xiii, 12; Heb. x, 23.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Dec. 22: "Christmas." "The birth of the King." "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we saw His star in the east and are come to worship Him?"—Matt. ii, 2-6.

By REV. WALTER J. YATES, D. D.

Passages for reference—Isa. ix, 6, 7; John xviii, 36, 37; Phil. ii, 9-11.

This is the most joyous festival of the whole Christian year. Beyond all doubt it is the most widely celebrated of any religious festival on earth. In the course of time it has developed the custom of presenting gifts to friends until in a vast number of cases it is probable that the leading thought suggested by the term Christmas is that of a time for receiving presents. This idea rules in many homes which could not be termed Christian and influences trade in every corner of the world.

In the Sunday schools of the Christian church more of emphasis will be put on the religious aspects of the day, with special stress on the theme of the birth of Christ. The story of Bethlehem will be rehearsed and the children made familiar with all the details of the history which have come down to us hallowed by association with Him "whom having not seen we love, in whom, though now we see Him, not yet believing we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."

But there is another line of thought to which our minds are directed by the Scripture selections made for league study. It is the kingship of Jesus Christ. This theme should have development in several different ways.

It is desirable to give emphasis to the need of recognizing Jesus as the ruler in our individual, personal lives. His authority should be acknowledged and His will executed by every one of us, each one working out what He works within us, "both to will and to do of His own good pleasure." Make Jesus king of your heart and of your conduct. This is the first and most important lesson of this Christmas season to every leaguer and of every young Christian throughout the whole wide world.

But there is truth beyond this which needs to be mastered. Jesus is to be King of mankind. Our well being is bound up within His success in this realm. We cannot develop our personality all alone by ourselves. We grow beside others and with them. We cannot in large measure grow faster or larger than our surroundings. Much depends on the atmosphere by which we are surrounded. Our world must rise if we are to be lifted. We go with it. We must help lift it also. We must work with heart and brain, with might and main, to make this world the kingdom of God. That means that all business you touch must be Christianized. All civil matters, all politics, must be Christianized—Christ-ized, made truly moral. The eternal principles of righteousness must be seized, and all human life must be belted on to them until the motive power in human society is the divine will.

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